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SUBJECT: BRITAIN AND BELIZE AGREE ON INDEPENDENCE

THE OPPOSITION NEWSPAPER THE REPORTER DATED JANUARY 11, BEING  
DISTRIBUTED THIS MORNING CARRIES FOLLOWING BANNER HEADLINE:  
"BRITAIN AND BELIZE AGREE ON INDEPENDENCE, IVOR RICHARDS TELLS  
U.N."

"THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS CONCLUDED ITS TALKS WITH THE BELIZE  
DELEGATION TO LONDON, AND ACCORDING TO A VOICE OF AMERICA ANNOUN-  
CEMENT FROM NEW YORK THIS MORNING, HAS REACHED AGREEMENT WITH  
THE BELIZE GOVERNMENT OVER THE EVENTUAL INDEPENDENCE OF BELIZE.

"THE VOICE OF AMERICA REPORT SAID THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS, MR. IVOR RICHARDS, HAD REPORTED TO THE U.N.,  
INDICATING THAT BRITAIN HAD REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE BELIZE  
GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO DISCUSS THE PLAN  
WITH THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT.

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"DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE DELEGATION HEADED BY THE PREMIER MR. PRICE AND HIS ADVISERS BEGAN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6 AND WERE CONCLUDED ON WEDNESDAY. MR. V. H. COURTENAY ARRIVED BACK IN BELIZE ON FRIDAY MORNING, BUT THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION UP UNTIL PRESS TIME HAD NOT DONE SO.

"THE SPANISH BROADCAST, WHICH CAME OVER THURSDAY NIGHT AND AGAIN ON FRIDAY MORNING, REPORTED:

"EL DELEGADO BRITANICO ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS, IVOR RICHARDS, HA CONCLUIDO EN LONDRES UNA SERIE DE CONVERSACIONES ENTRE SU GOBIERNO Y EL PRIMER MINISTRO DE BLIZE PENDIENTES A LA EVENTUAL INDEPENDENCIA DE ESA COLONIA, INFORMO LA DELEGACION BRITANICA EN LA ONU. RICHARDS TIENE EL PROPOSITO AHORA DE REINICIAR SUS CONVERSACIONES CON GUATEMALA.

"THE VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCAST GOES ON TO SAY THAT BRITAIN HAS BEEN TRYING TO LEAVE HER LAST COLONY ON THE CONTINENT (IN A) WAY WHICH WILL CAUSE THE LEAST POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS, AND THAT THESE EFFORTS IN LONDON, NEW YORK, BELIZE AND GUATEMALA WERE YIELDING RESULTS."

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